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CAST:

MEL
THE CREATURE
ACE
THE DOCTOR
GLITZ
KANE
BELAZS
PUDOVKIN, A CREWMAN
FOUR CREWMEN/WOMEN (N/S)
THE SCULPTOR (N/S)
ARNHEIM, A GUARD
KRACAUER
THE ARCHIVIST
KRYLLA'S HOLOGRAM (N/S)

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SETS:

SETS NOT USED:

Ice Passage 1C
Tardis Interior
Freezer Centre/Refreshment Bar
(Upper Docking Bay)

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MODEL SHOTS:

Iceworld

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(REPRISE TWO CLIFF-HANGERS FROM EPISODE ONE)

1. INT. ICE PASSAGE 2B.

(MEL SCREAMS AS THE CREATURE LUMBERS TOWARDS THEM.

IN FACT, THE
CREATURE DOESN'T
LOOK A BIT
LIKE A DRAGON.
IT'S TALL AND
SKELETAL WITH
GREY-WHITE
MEMBRANES.

THE CREATURE
ALMOST DOESN'T
LOOK LIKE AN
ORGANIC CREATURE
AT ALL. ITS
HEAD IS UNNATURALLY
LARGE AND IS
QUITE DIFFERENT
IN SHAPE AND
ORIENTATION FROM
THE VERTICAL OVAL
OF HUMANS.

Note: See also 32.

TWO NARROW
BEAMS OF FIRE
RADIATE FROM ITS
EYES AND IGNITE
ANYTHING COMBUSTIBLE
THAT THEY STRIKE.

THE CREATURE
DIRECTS ITS BEAMS
OF FIRE TOWARDS
MEL AND ACE)

ACE: (BLAZING WITH DELIGHT) Me-ga ...!

(ANOTHER BEAM OF FIRE LANDS AT ACE'S FEET)

MEL: Get down!

(THE TWO WOMEN DIVE FOR COVER BEHIND A SMOOTH SHEET OF ICE.

THE CREATURE SHOOTS A BEAM OF FIRE, WHICH REFLECTS BACK OFF THE ICE.

THE REFLECTED BEAM HITS THE CREATURE ITSELF.

THE CREATURE GIVES AN UNNATURAL, FIGHTENING SHRIEK OF PAIN.

THE CREATURE HOLDS ITS FIRE, AND SEEMS UNCERTAIN.

ACE POPS HER HEAD OUT, AND LOOKS AT THE CREATURE.

THEN SHE STEPS OUT AND GLARES AT THE CREATURE)

ACE: (INDIGNANT) That's not a dragon! It's just some kind of biomechanoid, with laser beams or something coming out of its eyes.

(DRAGON OR NOT, THE CREATURE TURNS ITS BEAMS OF FIRE ON ACE ONCE MORE.

ACE YELPS, AND MEL DRAGS HER BACK BEHIND THE ICE SHEET)

2. INT. ICE PASSAGE 3C.

(THE DOCTOR IS STILL DANGLING HELPLESSLY.

GLITZ APPEARS AT THE TOP OF THE ICE FACE, AND SEES THE DOCTOR.)

GLITZ: It's no use, Doctor... I located the Ice Garden, but there was a distinct absence of dragon or treasure.

THE DOCTOR: I sympathize with your disappointment, Glitz... But I'm about to plummet to my death...

(GLITZ PEERS DOWN AT THE DOCTOR.)

GLITZ: I suppose you'll be wanting
me to risk my neck and come and
help you...

THE DOCTOR: (CROSS) Glitz!

(GLITZ JUMPS, AND BEGINS TO SCRAMBLE DOWN TO THE DOCTOR.)

GLITZ: All right - don't get your
delicates in a twist...

3. INT. ICE PASSAGE 2B.

(MEL AND ACE ARE CROUCHED BEHIND THE ICE, HIDDEN FROM THE CREATURE.)

MEL: What we need now is an ingenious plan of escape...

ACE: How about: we shift ourselves faster than a greased steam-hammer..?

MEL: That'll do...

(THEY SCRAMBLE AWAY BEHIND THE ROCKS.)

MODEL SHOT 1:

A view of Iceworld, its hemisphere of crystalline shafts jutting out from the planet's surface.

4. INT. CRYOGENICS CHAMBER.

(KANE WHEELS ROUND IN ANGER.

BELAZ IS STANDING BEFORE HIM)

KANE: Belazs, you astound me.

(HESS BEGINS TO CLOSE IN MENACINGLY)

You seem to be taking advantage of my former feelings for you. Be warned. The past is an empty slate. I demand absolute loyalty now and forever. And I do not forgive those who betray me. (cont...)

(HE JABS AT A COUPLE OF BUTTONS ON THE CONTROL CONSOLE.

THE FIVE TUBES
CONTAINING GLITZ'S
CREW BEGIN
TO GLOW WITH
LIGHT INSIDE)

KANE: (cont) The two girls must be stopped - before they reach Glitz and the Doctor. They must be eradicated.

(HE JABS AT ANOTHER BUTTON.

THE FIVE TUBES BEGIN TO RISE)

What could be more appropriate than to despatch Glitz's former crew after the girls?

(THE ZOMBIE-LIKE CREWMEN/WOMEN STAGGER FORWARD FROM THEIR TUBES)

He betrayed his crew - now they can have their revenge. Every man must be allowed his moment of revenge!

(BELAZS STEPS BACK IN SLIGHT TREPIDATION AS THE CREWMEN/WOMEN LURCH PAST.

DISTORTED CLOSE-UPS OF THE CREWMEN/WOMEN'S EMPTY, PSYCHOPATHIC FACES)

5. INT. ICE PASSAGE 3C.

(GLITZ SITS ON A BOULDER AT THE FOOT OF THE ICE FACE.)

GLITZ: (DISCONSOLATE) It's no use. Even if we do find the treasure, it'll take us more than 72 hours. And Belazs said that if I don't return Kane's money within 72 hours, they'd confiscate my spacecraft.

(THE DOCTOR SITS BY GLITZ.)

THE DOCTOR: Perhaps if you explain the problem to him...

(GLITZ LOOKS AT THE DOCTOR.)

GLITZ: He'd slice his mother up to make a point. If he was a mortician, the corpses would keep their eyes open...

THE DOCTOR: Ah ...

GLITZ: In fact, if Kane knew we was after the dragon's treasure...

6. INT. KANE'S CONTROL ROOM.

(BELAZS SITS
LISTENING TO
THE CONVERSATION
BETWEEN GLITZ
AND THE DOCTOR,
VIA THE RADIO
TRACKING DEVICE.

GLITZ, O.O.V. OVER THE RADIO CONTINUING)

GLITZ: ... your life expectancy wouldr be looking too clever at the moment. He's a cold man, Doctor. Cut him open and you won't find a heart.

(CLOSE UP OF THE RADIO)

Just a lump of ice.

7. INT. ICE PASSAGE 1B.

(CLOSE UP OF THE RED SEAL ON THE MAP)

THE DOCTOR: (0.0.V.) These types never seem to have any sense of fair play.

GLITZ: Exactly Doctor. Which is why I have come to the decision that playing by the rules is a mug's game. I've decided to hijack the Nosferatu. Which is where you come in, Doctor.

THE DOCTOR: Now just a moment,
Glitz ...

I'm engaged in a project of scientific curiosity. The dragon - or whatever it turns out to be - may be an undiscovered species.

GLITZ: Look, I'll do you a deal ...

If you'll help me get the Nosferatu
back, I'll give you the treasure map,
so that you and Mel can go looking
for this dragon. Now I can't say no
fairer than that, can I?

THE DOCTOR: Ah. Now there you seem to have me. Without the map I can't find the creature.

GLITZ: You're a man of insight and logic.

8. INT. KANE'S CONTROL ROOM.

(BELAZS IS STILL LISTENING)

THE DOCTOR: (0.0.V. OVER THE RADIO) All right, then ... Where's the Nosferatu berthed?

GLITZ: (0.0.V. OVER THE RADIO) In the lower Docking Bay.

(BELAZS SWITCHES THE RADIO OFF.

SHE LOOKS UP, AND SMILES)

9. INT. ICE PASSAGE 1A.

(LOW, SKEWED ANGLES OF THE CREWMEN/ WOMEN AS THEY LURCH OFF DOWN THE ICE PASSAGES.

THEIR EXPRESSIONS
ARE DULL AND
EMPTY, FULL OF
MINDLESS, PSYCHOPATHIC
VIOLENCE.

OCCASIONALLY, ONE OF THEM TWITCHES SLIGHTLY IN AN INVOLUNTARY SPASM, AS IT PASSES BY.

THE EFFECT IS THAT OF AN ARMY OF CORPSES)

10. INT. RESTRICTED ZONE.

(THE SCULPTOR IS AT WORK ON THE ICE STATUE.

KANE WATCHES HIM.

THE STATUE IS ALMOST COMPLETE

KANE: A work of artistry, my friend ... Incandescent artistry ... I could almost believe that she lives again! The expression in the eyes ... It's her! The unique beauty, yes - but more than that ... The criminal genius, also ... I see it in her eyes!

(KANE REACHES TO TOUCH THE STATUE)

What a waste. It should have been \underline{I} , who was killed while trying to escape arrest - not you.

11. INT. ICE PASSAGE 3C.

(THE DOCTOR'S BROLLY IS STUCK WHERE IT GOT WEDGED AS HE DANGLED FROM IT.

MEL AND ACE APPEAR AT THE TOP.

ACE LOOKS DOWN)

ACE: You're joking! I'm not going there!

(MEL ALSO LOOKS DOWN)

MEL: Look - it's the Doctor's brolly! We must be on the right track.

ACE: What did he have to come this way for? I could break my neck.

MEL: How are we going to get down there?

ACE: I know! (cont...)

(ACE PRODUCES A
ROPE AND SOME
ROCK-CLIMBING
ATTACHMENTS FROM
HER CANVAS BAG)

ACE: (cont) First, you lower me down. Then I lower you down from the bottom. Here - sort this out!

(ACE THRUSTS THE ROPE AT MEL.

MEL LOOKS DOUBTFUL)

12. INT. LOWER DOCKING BAY.

(THE LOWER DOCKING BAY IS MORE-OR-LESS THE SAME AS THE UPPER DOCKING BAY.

(Note: It can probably be the same set, with cosmetic differences).

A HUGE, NEANDERTHAL
THUG OF A GUARD NAMED ARNHEIM STANDS BY ONE
OF THE AIR LOCKS.
ACCORDING TO THE
STATUS BOARD,
THE 'NOSFERATU' IS
BERTHED HERE.

THE DOCTOR AND GLITZ PEEP OUT ACROSS THE DOCKING BAY.

THEY TALK IN HUSHED VOICES)

GLITZ: Only one guard. Do you think you can keep him occupied, while I sneak on board?

THE DOCTOR: I'll do my best.

GLITZ: Right then - off you go. (cont...)

(THE DOCTOR EMERGES FROM HIDING, AND LOPES CONFIDENTLY OFF TOWARDS ARNHEIM.

HE LOPES ACROSS TO ARNHEIM.

ARNHEIM IGNORES HIM.

THE DOCTOR GLIDES IN FRONT OF ARNHEIM, AND STANDS BESIDE HIM.

THE DOCTOR CLEARS HIS THROAT)

THE DOCTOR: (cont) Tell me ... What's your attitude towards the nature of existence ...?

(ARNHEIM TURNS TO LOOK AT THE DOCTOR.

IT'S DOUBTFUL
WHETHER ARNHEIM
IS HIGH ENOUGH
UP THE EVOLUTIONARY
LADDER TO COMPREHEND
LANGUAGE.

GLITZ RAISES HIS EYES HEAVENWARDS)

(PERSEVERING) For example, do you hold any strong theological opinions?

ARNHEIM: I think you'll find that most educated people regard mythical convictions as fundamentally animistic.

THE DOCTOR: I see. That's a very interesting concept.

(GLITZ IS INCREDULOUS.

THE DOCTOR TAKES IT ALL IN HIS STRIDE)

ARNHEIM: Personally, I find that most experiences border on the existential.

THE DOCTOR: But how would you reconcile that with the empiriocritical belief that experience is at the root of all phenomena? (cont...)

(GLITZ SUSPENDS HIS DISBELIEF, AND CREEPS OUT OF HIDING.

HE MAKES HIS WAY ACROSS THE DOCKING BAY)

THE DOCTOR: (cont) So what you're saying is that before Plato could exist, someone had to have the Idea of Plato?

(STEALTHILY, GLITZ SLIPS BEHIND ARNHEIM'S BACK)

ARNHEIM: You've no idea what a relief it is for me to have such a stimulating philosophical discussion. There are so few intellectuals about, these days.

(GLITZ HAS DISAPPEARED)

13. INT. ICE PASSAGE 3C.

(THE CLIMBING TACKLE IS ALL RIGGED, AND ACE IS ABSEILING SLOWLY DOWN THE ICE FACE.

MEL TAKES ACE'S WEIGHT.

THE OPERATION IS BOTH DIFFICULT AND STRENUOUS, AND THIS SHOWS IN THEIR FACES.

THEY ARE BOTH CONCENTRATING HARD, AND SLOWLY ACE DESCENDS.)

14. INT. NOSFERATU FLIGHT CABIN.

(GLITZ SCRAMBLES INTO HIS SEAT.

HE FASTENS THE SAFETY BELT)

GLITZ: (TO HIMSELF) Soon be light
years away from this place ...

(SUDDENLY, A HANDGUN IS LEVELLED AT HIS TEMPLE.

GLITZ SENSES IT, AND FREEZES.

HE TRIES TO SQUINT SIDEWAYS)

BELAZS: (0.0.V.) I wouldn't touch those controls if I were you ...

15. INT. ICE PASSAGE 3C.

(ACE IS SAFELY AT THE FOOT OF THE ICE FACE, NOW TAKING MEL'S WEIGHT.

MEL ABSEILS SLOWLY DOWN THE LAST FEW FEET. SHE'S CLUTCHING THE DOCTOR'S BROLLY AND THE CARRIER-BAG OF EXPLOSIVES.

MEL MAKES CONTACT WITH THE GROUND, AND TURNS TO ACE, BOTH OF THEM SMILING WITH EXHILARATION.)

ACE: Neat..! And the Toerag said this was too dangerous for girls!

16. INT. NOSFERATU FLIGHT CABIN.

(BELAZS IS HOLDING HER GUN TO GLITZ'S TEMPLE)

BELAZS:

This

spacecraft is mine ...

GLITZ: Here, hang about! The 72 hours isn't up yet. If I can get hold of the jumbo, you said I could have the Nosferatu back.

BELAZS: In that case, I shall just have to make sure you don't manage to find the money in time. I shall have to make very sure ...

(BELAZS LEVELS THE GUN MORE CAREFULLY.

GLITZ STIFFENS.

BELAZS'S FINGER TIGHTENS ON THE TRIGGER.

SUDDENLY, THE DOCTOR APPEARS)

THE DOCTOR: Hello. Not interrupting anything, am I?

BELAZS: What are you doing here?

THE DOCTOR: A very difficult question . Why is everyone around here so preoccupied with metaphysics?

GLITZ: I think she's going to kill us.

THE DOCTOR: Ah ... an existentialist .

BELAZS: Quiet! Only one of us can leave Svartos and Iceworld aboard the Nosferatu ... And one way or the other, it's going to be me.

(IMPERCEPTIBLY, GLITZ IS UNFASTENING THE SAFETY BELT)

GLITZ: What about the boss - Mr. Kane... Does he know about this little enterprise of yours ...?

BELAZS: Kane doesn't own me!

THE DOCTOR: Oh, I think he does. I think he bought you just like he buys everything in Iceworld.

BELAZS: (ANGRY) What do you know about it?

THE DOCTOR: I think be bought you a long time ago. He paid 17 crowns each for Glitz's crew. How much did he pay for you?

(GLITZ'S SAFETY
BELT IS UNFASTENED
NOW.

BELAZS IS ABOUT TO LOSE HER TEMPER)

Was it worth it? Were you worth it ...?

(IN FURY, BELAZS
BRANDISHES HER
PALM WITH THE
BRAND ON IT. SHE
HAS TO PASS HER
GUN INTO HER
OTHER HAND IN
ORDER TO DO SO)

BELAZS: That's what I sold myself for! Kane's mark! I should cut my hand off for doing it! (cont...)

(GLITZ SEIZES
THE MOMENT, AND
THROWS HIMSELF
ON BELAZS.

SHE TRIES TO RETURN THE GUN TO HER FIRING HAND, BUT GLITZ PINS HER HAND DOWN.

HE WRENCHES THE GUN FROM HER HAND.

HE THEN PUSHES HER AWAY.

BELAZS FALLS TO THE GROUND.

GLITZ COVERS HER WITH HER OWN GUN.

BELAZS, THROUGH TEARS OF ANGER AND BITTERNESS)

BELAZS: (cont) Go on, then. Kill me!

(GLITZ LOOKS TO THE DOCTOR)

GLITZ: Come on, Doctor ... We've got the Nosferatu. Let's get away from here.

THE DOCTOR: No, Glitz. You can't go on stealing everything you want. Pay Kane his money. Even if it costs a thousand crowns. Even ten thousand. Pay off the debt. (cont...)

(HE TURNS TO BELAZS)

THE DOCTOR: (cont) Your debt to Kane ... (INTENSE) I don't think you can ever pay off ...

(THE DOCTOR TURNS AND LEAVES, FOLLOWED BY GLITZ.

BELAZS IS LEFT WEEPING BITTERLY)

17. INT. RESTRICTED ZONE.

(THE SCULPTOR LOOKS TO KANE

KANE IS TRANSFIXED BY THE STATUE.)

KANE: It is finished ..!

(KANE STEPS FORWARD, AND REACHES TOWARDS THE STATUE.)

KANE (cont): The whole of eternity has held its breath for this moment... (TO THE SCULPTOR, ALMOST TENDERLY) But no-one must ever see your work. It exists - that is enough. No-one can ever be allowed to look on it, and live.

(KANE BEGINS TO REMOVE ONE OF HIS GLOVES.

THE SCULPTOR WATCHES HIM. HE IS APPREHENSIVE, NOT SCARED.)

KANE: (cont): What more could you achieve with your life? You have found your true destiny in life, and fulfilled it.

(KANE DRAWS THE SCULPTOR TO HIM.)

KANE: (cont) What would be the
point of trying to live beyond it?

(KANE HOLDS THE SCULPTOR IN FRONT OF HIMSELF, BOTH FACING TOWARDS THE STATUE.)

KANE (cont): Feel no fear. You are beyond that also. Embrace death with the same tranquil artistry with which you embraced your destiny.

(WITH THIS, KANE PLACES HIS HAND OVER THE SCULPTOR EYES, AND MAINTAINS THE CONTACT.)

<u>KANE (cont):</u> Your final sight shall be that of your ultimate achievement. Gaze on it - and die fulfilled...

(THE SCULPTOR STRUGGLES SLIGHTLY - BUT NOT AGAINST KANE . IT'S AN INVOLUNTARY STRUGGLE, WHICH THE SCULPTOR TRIES TO FIGHT.

FINALLY, THE STRUGGLES CEASE, AND THE SCULPTOR FALLS LIMP IN KANE'SARMS.

KANE CAREFULLY LOWERS THE BODY TO THE GROUND.

THEN HE GAZES UP AT THE STATUE.)

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18. INT. ICE PASSAGE 1B.

(MEL AND ACE ARE TRUDGING THROUGH THE GLOOM)

(SUDDENLY, ACE STOPS DEAD IN HER TRACKS)

MEL: What's the matter?

ACE: (URGENT) Shh ...!

(MEL HALTS AS WELL)

(WHISPERS) Did you hear that?

(MEL LOOKS ROUND NERVOUSLY)

MEL: Hear what?

(ACE IS PEERING BACK INTO THE GLOOM BEHIND THEM)

ACE: I'm sure I heard something behind us.

MEL: (NERVOUS) What kind of
something ...?

ACE: I don't know. Can you see anything?

(SUDDENLY, FROM THE SHADOWS TO THE SIDE, ONE OF THE ZOMBIE CREWMEN LURCHES OUT.

MEL SEES IT)

MEL: (SHRIEKS) Look out!

(ACE TURNS AND SEES IT)

ACE: Gordon Bennett ...!

(THEN ANOTHER CREWWOMAN STAGGERS OUT.

THEN ANOTHER -

THEN ANOTHER -

MEL SCREAMS.

ACE LOOKS ROUND WILDLY. THERE'S STILL A WAY OUT)

Come on, Mel - run!

(ACE PULLS MEL'S ARM, AND THEY BOTH RUN FOR IT.

LOW, SKEWED ANGLES OF THE CREWMEN/ WOMEN AS THEY STAGGER RELENTLESSLY ON)

19. INT. ICE PASSAGE 2A.

(THE DOCTOR AND GLITZ ARE APPROACHING A BULKHEAD MID-WAY DOWN THE PASSAGE.

THE PASSAGE IS LIT BY ARTIFICIAL LIGHTING.

THE DOCTOR IS TURNING THE MAP EVERY WHICH WAY)

THE DOCTOR: I think we go straight on. Either that, or ... or - we don't.

(GLITZ CAUTIONS THE DOCTOR TO BE QUIET.

GLITZ IS TENSE.

THERE'S THE SOUND OF HEAVY, RASPING BREATHING NEARBY.

GLITZ EDGES FORWARD.

THEY STEP CAREFULLY THROUGH THE OPEN BULKHEAD.

THE RASPING SOUND IS GROWING LOUDER.

GLITZ DRAWS HIS GUN (BELAZS'S GUN).

THEY CONTINUE TO EDGE FORWARD.

GLITZ PEERS ROUND AN OPENING TO ONE SIDE.

NOTHING THERE.

HE PEERS ROUND AN OPENING TO THE OTHER SIDE.

SUDDENLY, HE SEES THE CREATURE TURN ON THEM FROM THE SECOND SIDE OPENING.

A BEAM OF FIRE STREAKS TOWARDS THEM)

GLITZ: It's the dragon! Get back!

20. INT. ICE PASSAGE 1B.

(ACE AND MEL ARE SCRAMBLING OVER THE ICE BOULDERS.

BEHIND THEM, AT THE OTHER END OF THE PASSAGE, THE CREWMEN/WOMEN SEEM TO COVER THE GROUND WITHOUT DIFFICULTY)

MEL: We can't get away!

ACE: The nitro! You've got the nitro! Throw it!

MEL: Right -cover your ears!

(MEL STANDS AND TURNS BACK TOWARDS THE APPROACHING CREWMEN/WOMEN.

SHE PULLS ONE OF THE TWO REMAINING AEROSOLS FROM HER CARRIER BAG.

SHE PULLS THE NOZZLE OFF, THEN SHE LOBS IT DOWN THE PASSAGE.

THERE IS A HUGE EXPLOSION.

ACE'S EYES LIGHT UP)

ACE: (A WHOOP OF DELIGHT) Mega!! Go on, Doughnut - throw the other one!

(MEL PULLS THE SECOND AEROSOL OUT OF THE BAG.

SHE'S REALLY GETTING THE FEEL OF THIS NOW.

SHE PULLS THE
NOZZLE OFF THIS
SECOND AEROSOL WITH
HER TEETH, AND LOBS
IT DOWN THE PASSAGE
WITH A BROAD SMILE.

THERE IS A SECOND HUGE EXPLOSION)

Yeah!! Go for it, Doughnut!!

(THE TWO WOMEN
TURN TO EACH OTHER,
SMILING BROADLY.

WITH PERFECT SYNCHRONIZATION, THEY SHAKE HANDS.

THEY PEER BACK DOWN THE PASSAGE.

THE CREWMEN/WOMEN ARE BURIED BENEATH A MOUND OF RUBBLE)

That was well brill!

MEL: (NO LONGER BEAMING) I don't think we're in the clear yet ...

(BACK DOWN THE
PASSAGE, ONE OF
THE CREWMEN - PUDOVKIN IS BEGINNING TO
STIR BENEATH THE
RUBBLE)

ACE: It can't be ... Not after two cans of nitro ... Nothing could survive that ...

(THE CREWMEN/WOMEN ARE DRAGGING THEMSELVES OUT OF THE DEBRIS)

MEL: There's no more nitro left ...!

ACE: C'mon - let's shift!

(THEY TURN AND RUN)

21. INT. ICE PASSAGE 2A.

(STUMBLING, GLITZ AND THE DOCTOR RUN BACK DOWN THE PASSAGE.

THE CREATURE EMERGES FROM THE SIDE OPENING INTO THE PASSAGE.

ANOTHER BEAM OF FIRE STREAKS TOWARDS GLITZ AND THE DOCTOR.

THEY DIVE THROUGH THE BULKHEAD)

GLITZ: Help me close the door!

(THE CREATURE IS ADVANCING DOWN THE PASSAGE, AS GLITZ AND THE DOCTOR HEAVE AT THE BULKHEAD DOOR.

FINALLY, THE DOOR SWINGS SHUT.

GLITZ PUSHES THE SEALING BOLTS HOME.

THEN HE LIES BACK AGAINST THE DOOR, AND LOOKS AT THE DOCTOR)

Well, now that we've found the Dragon Fire, what's next on your list of tourist attractions, Doctor?

THE DOCTOR: Ah - I'm not absolutely certain that this one is over yet ...

(THE DOCTOR IS LOOKING AT THE BULKHEAD DOOR.

GLITZ FOLLOWS HIS GAZE.

A SPOT ON THE DOOR IS BEGINNING TO BURN THROUGH.

GRADUALLY, THIS HOLE BEGINS TO WORK ITS WAY AROUND THE EDGE OF THE DOOR)

Fascinating ... It must be generating a spot temperature in excess of 1500 degrees Celsius ...

22. INT. ICE PASSAGE 3A.

(MEL AND ACE EMERGE FROM A SIDE PASSAGE.

THEY BEGIN TO RUN DOWN
THE GANTRY WHICH STANDS A
METRE OR SO ABOVE THE ICE
FLOOR.

AS THEY RUN, MEL TRIPS.

SHE FALLS AND BANGS HER HEAD AGAINST THE METALWORK.

ACE REALIZES THAT MEL IS NO LONGER RUNNING ALONGSIDE HER.

SHE LOOKS BACK.

MEL IS LYING UNCONSCIOUS ON THE GANTRY.)

ACE: Doughnut!

(ACE RUNS BACK TO MEL.

ALL THE WHILE, THE RINGING ECHOES OF PUDOVKIN'S HEAVY FOOTSTEPS ON THE METAL GANTRIES GROW LOUDER.

ACE DROPS DOWN BESIDE MEL.)

ACE (cont): Come on ..! Wake up ..!

(SHE SHAKES MEL.)

ACE (cont): (A NOTE OF PANIC)
Come on..!

(SHE LOOKS UP, AS THE RINGING FOOTSTEPS GROW LOUDER.

THEN SHE GRABS MEL, AND BEGINS TO DRAG HER.

SHE LOOKS ROUND FOR SOMEWHERE TO GO.

THERE'S ONLY FORWARDS OR BACKWARDS...

ANOTHER ANGLE, OF THE SIDE PASSAGE THAT MEL AND ACE FIRST APPEARED OUT OF, AS THE FOOTSTEPS GROW EVEN LOUDER. THEN:

PUDOVKIN STUMBLES INTO VIEW.

HE BEGINS TO LURCH DOWN THE PASSAGE.

A REVERSE ANGLE, POV PUDOVKIN: THE PASSAGE IS COMPLETELY EMPTY.

PUDOVKIN STAGGERS RELENTLESSLY FORWARD.

ANOTHER ANGLE: IN THE SPACE BENEATH THE GANTRY, ACE IS HOLDING THE UNCONSCIOUS MEL, AND LOOKING UPWARD THROUGH THE GRILLE.

PUDOVKIN IS STANDING OVERHEAD, WHEN HE HALTS.

ACE HOLDS HER BREATH.

MEL BEGINS TO MOVE.

ACE HOLDS MEL TIGHT, PRAYING.

MEL GROANS UNCONSCIOUSLY.

ACE GRIPS HER TIGHTER.

MÈL GROANS AGAIN.

PUDOVKIN BEGINS TO SHUFFLE ABOVE.

ACE HOLDS MEL TIGHT, AND ROCKS HER QUIETLY-ANXIOUSLY.

MEL IS SILENT.

PUDOVKIN FINALLY MOVES ON.

ACE LISTENS TO THE FOOTSTEPS DIE AWAY.

WHEN SHE LOOKS DOWN AT MEL AGAIN, MEL'S EYES ARE OPEN.)

MEL: (GROGGY) What happened ..?

ACE: (GENTLE) It's all right, Doughnut - he's gone...

23. INT. ICE PASSAGE 2A.

(THE CREATURE HAS ALMOST FINISHED BURNING THROUGH THE BULKHEAD DOOR.

GLITZ LOOKS AT THE DOCTOR)

GLITZ: Stand back, Doctor

(THE CREATURE HAS NOW FINISHED, AND BEGINS TO PUSH AGAINST THE DOOR.

GLITZ READIES HIS GUN)

(THE DOORWAY BURSTS IN.

GLITZ LINES UP THE GUN AND BRACES HIMSELF.

THE CREATURE APPEARS IN THE DOORWAY, RIGHT IN GLITZ'S LINE OF FIRE.

GLITZ SQUEEZEZ THE TRIGGER.

SUDDENLY, THE DOCTOR PULLS GLITZ'S ARM DOWN)

THE DOCTOR: No!

(THE SHOT GOES INTO THE WALL)

GLITZ: Doctor ...!

(GLITZ TRIES TO PULL AWAY FROM THE DOCTOR.

THE DOCTOR HOLDS ONTO HIM)

THE DOCTOR: No, Glitz -don't!

(THE DOCTOR AND GLITZ ARE NOW STANDING AT THE CREATURE'S MERCY.

GLITZ KNOWS HE'S GOING TO DIE, AND ACQUIESCES. BUT THE BEAM OF FIRE DOESN'T COME.

GLITZ LOOKS ROUND.

THE CREATURE IS LOOKING UNCERTAINLY AT THE DOCTOR AND GLITZ.

THEN, THE CREATURE BEGINS TO BACK AWAY.

IT IS GONE.

GLITZ LOOKS AT THE DOCTOR)

GLITZ: (QUIET) Why ...?

(THE DOCTOR WITH THE GENTLENESS OF ABSOLUTE CERTAINTY:)

THE DOCTOR: Because we don't have the right to kill ...

GLITZ: But why didn't it kill us ...?

THE DOCTOR: Perhaps we'd better ask it ...

24. INT. CRYOGENICS CHAMBER.

(BELAZS IS WANDERING AMONGST THE INERT FIGURES IN THEIR SHADOWY TUBES.

SHE IS SOMBRE.

SUDDENLY KRACAUER'S VOICE BREAKS THROUGH THE QUIET AND ALSO THROUGH THE MOOD:)

KRACAUER: (OOV) Can't sleep,
Belazs?

(SHE STARTS, AND TURNS TO SEE HIM.

HIS VOICE IS WARM AND HONEYED.

BELAZS SMILES, BUT DOESN'T REPLY.

THEN:)

BELAZS: How old do you think I
am, Kracauer?

KRACAUER: (SHRUGS) Thirtythree... thirty-four...

(BELAZS SMILES AGAIN.)

BELAZS: And how old do think I
was when I first agreed to join Kane?

(KRACAUER JUST SHRUGS THIS TIME.)

BELAZS (cont): (COLD) Sixteen. That was a long time ago...

(SHE HOLDS HER PALM UP TO KRACAUER.

HE SEES THE BRAND.)

BELAZS (cont): Do you see this?

KRACAUER: The mark of the
sovereign.

(KRACAUER'S VOICE IS NO LONGER HONEYED.)

BELAZS: You'd have thought that after nearly twenty years it would begin to disappear.

KRACAUER: (MEASURED) We sold
ourselves. We knew what we were
doing. We had a choice.

BELAZS: (A CRY) I was sixteen!

KRACAUER: Even at sixteen, we had
a choice.

BELAZS: He'll kill us, you know. He'll find someone younger, and then kill us. Unless we kill him first...

KRACAUER: How do you propose to
do that?

<u>BELAZS</u>: With heat! Even here in Iceworld, it's too warm for him. I've seen inside the Restricted Zone. That's where he keeps his

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refrigeration unit. He has to return there whenever his body temperature rises too high. Destroy his refrigeration unit, and he'll die!

(BELAZS'S EYES BLAZE.)

25. INT. ICE PASSAGE 3A.

(ACE AND MEL ARE SAT EITHER SIDE OF A SMALL FIRE.

ACE IS HEATING
UP CHEMICALS, AND
MIXING LIQUIDS.

(Note: These are the things that she collected together in Episode 1, Scene 15)

THEIR FACES ARE LIT BY THE FLICKERING GLOW OF THE FIRE.

THEY SIT IN
SILENCE, ACE INTENT
ON HER CHEMICAL
REACTIONS, MEL
WATCHING HER.

THEN:)

MEL: Thank you for saving me

ACE: (ANNOYED) Look, you're putting me off ...

MEL: Sorry.

(ACE RELENTS.

SILENCE)

ACE:

Do you know what I did for a job when they threw me out of school?

MEL: No.

ACE: I worked as a waitress in a fast-food cafe. Day in, day out, the same boring routine. The same boring life. It was all wrong. It didn't feel like me that was doing it at all. I felt like I'd fallen from another planet, and landed in this strange girl's body, but it wasn't me at all. I was meant to be somewhere else. Each night, I'd walk home, and I'd look up at the stars through the gaps in the clouds: And I'd try to imagine where I really came from. I'd dream that one day everything would come right. I'd be carried off back home. Back to my real Mum and Dad. (BEAT) Then it actually happened. And I ended up here. Ended up working as a waitress again. Only this time, I couldn't dream of going nowhere else. There wasn't nowhere else to go.

(CONT...)

ACE: There's something I've never told anybody ... Do you promise not to laugh, and not to tell no-one?

MEL: Never.

ACE: My name ... It's not really Ace. My real name's Dorothy ... That's how I knew they couldn't be my real Mum and Dad. My real Mum and Dad would never have given me a naff name like Dorothy ...

(ACE LOOKS TO MEL.

MEL SMILES SYMPATHETICALLY.

ACE SMILES BACK.

ACE BEGINS TO MOVE)

Come on, then ...

26. INT. RESTRICTED ZONE.

(THE DOOR TO KANE'S CONTROL ROOM OPENS.

KANE ENTERS. HE
PASSES AMONGST
THE EQUIPMENT, AND
THEN STANDS IN
FRONT OF HIS
ICE STATUE)

KANE: One day ... When we return home ... I shall erect colossal statues in your honour. I shall force your killers to kneel before them! I promise you this.

(HE LOOKS AT THE STATUE AGAIN, AND THEN TURNS TOWARDS HIS CABINET.

HE CLIMBS INTO THE CABINET, AND LIES DOWN.

THE LID CLOSES.

AFTER A FEW MOMENTS, A FIGURE EMERGES FROM THE SHADOWS: KRACAUER.

HE GOES OVER TO THE CABINET. THROUGH A WINDOW, HE CAN SEE KANE LYING DORMANT INSIDE.

KRACAUER GOES TO A CONTROL LEVER ON THE CABINET, AND SLIDES IT UPWARDS.

AS HE WATCHES, THE TEMPERATURE GAUGES GRADUALLY BEGIN TO RISE)

27. INT. ICE PASSAGE 2C.

(MEL AND ACE STOP TO SEE WHERE THEY'RE GOING)

MEL: Down there?

(ACE PEERS UNCERTAINLY)

ACE: (SHRUGS) I suppose so ...

(THEN:)

THE DOCTOR: (0.0.V.) Ah, Mel - you've brought my umbrella, I see.

(MEL AND ACE TURN, TO SEE.

THE DOCTOR
AND GLITZ STRIDING
OVER THE BOULDERS
TOWARDS THEM)

MEL: Doctor!

ACE: Professor!

(THEN ACE SEES GLITZ, AND HER FACE FALLS)

(SARCASTIC) Toerag ...

GLITZ: (COUNTERS) Sprog ...

THE DOCTOR: No squabbling, now. There's no place for children in serious scientific undertakings.

MEL: The dragon, you mean?

THE DOCTOR: Actually, it doesn't seem to be a dragon at all ... It seems to be more of a semi-organic vertebrate with a highly developed cerebral cortex.

ACE: It's a bio-mechanoid, with laser beams in its eyes, and it tried to kill us!

THE DOCTOR: Did it really? Hm ...
I wonder what you did to annoy it ...

ACE: (INDIGNANT) It just came at us, Professor! No warning!

THE DOCTOR: Well, let's see what this bio-mechanoid with laser beams in its eyes has got to say for itself, shall we?

(THE DOCTOR STRIDES FORWARD.

HE LOOKS UP, AND SEES HIS PATH BLOCKED BY PUDOVKIN.

Ah - hello - and where might you have popped up from, then?

MEL: Don't argue with it, Doctor ...

THE DÖCTOR: (TO THE CREWMAN)
Well - can't stop. My young friend
says we should be running along now
- and she's usually right in these
matters...

(BUT PUDOVKIN HAS THEM COVERED WITH HIS GUN.

PUDOVKIN'S FINGER TIGHTENS ON THE TRIGGER.

A BEAM OF FIRE FLASHES THROUGH THE AIR.

INSTEAD OF ONE OF THE COMPANIONS, IT'S PUDOVKIN WHO FALLS DEAD.

THE OTHERS LOOK ROUND, BEWILDERED.

THEN THE CREATURE EMERGES FROM THE SHADOWS BEHIND THEM.

THE COMPANIONS STAND HELPLESS ONCE MORE, WAITING FOR THE CREATURE TO ATTACK THEM.

THE CREATURE SEEMS HESITANT.

THE DOCTOR STEPS FORWARD WITH AN OPEN GESTURE.)

THE DOCTOR (cont): We don't intend to harm you... Can you understand?

(THE CREATURE IS STILL HESITANT.

THE DOCTOR SLOWLY STEPS FORWARD, WITH AN OUTSTRETCHED ARM.

HE WAITS.

TENTATIVELY, THE CREATURE ALSO HOLDS OUT AN ARM.

THE DOCTOR AND THE CREATURE CLASP HANDS.)

MEL: It's friendly...

(THE CREATURE IS NOW BECKONING THE OTHERS.)

ACE: It wants us to go with it, Professor.

THE DOCTOR: Let's see what our new friend wants to show us, then.

(THEY ALL FOLLOW THE CREATURE.)

[SCENE 28 IS CUT.]

29. INT. RESTRICTED ZONE.

(THE TEMPERATURE GAUGES ARE IN THEIR RED DANGER ZONES.

THE CABINET OPENS.

KANE'S HAND REACHES OVER THE SIDE.

WITH DIFFICULTY, HE PULLS HIMSELF UP)

KANE: (WEAK) What is happening?

(HE STRUGGLES
OUT OF THE CABINET

The cryostat controls ... I'm too warm ... Can't breathe ...

(HE STAGGERS OVER TO THE CRYOSTAT CONTROLS.

KRACAUER APPEARS, AND STANDS IN HIS WAY)

Kracauer ... What is this ...?

(HE TRIES TO REACH PAST KRACAUER)

I must adjust the crysostat controls ... (cont...)

(KRAÇAUER PUSHES HIM AWAY.

KANE FALLS TO THE FLOOR.

KRACAUER LAUGHS.

KANE CRAWLS BLINDLY AROUND)

KANE: (cont) No ...

(KANE REACHES THE FOOT OF THE STATUE.

THERE IS WATER ALL ROUND THE BASE OF THE STATUE.

KANE LOOKS UP FEARFULLY.

FOR THE FIRST TIME, WE SEE THE STATUE FROM KANE'S P.O.V.

IT HAS MELTED BEYOND RECOGNITION)

No ... Not my statue ...

(HE BEGINS TO CLAW HIS WAY UP THE STATUE)

(MORE FORCEFULLY) No ... (cont...)

(HE DRAGS HIMSELF TO HIS FEET.

KRACAUER IS BEGINNING TO LOOK LESS CONFIDENT.

KANE TURNS ON KRACAUER)

 $\frac{\text{KANE}}{\text{for this}}: (\frac{\text{cont}}{\dots}) \text{ Who is responsible}$

(KANE STEPS SLOWLY TOWARDS KRACAUER)

(WITH RISING VOLUME) Who has desecreated the monument...? Who ...?

(HE GRASPS KRACAUER BY THE THROAT.

KRACAUER SHOULD BE STRONGER, BUT BLIND FURY GIVES KANE ALL THE STRENGTH HE NEEDS)

Who told you...? Tell me their name ...? Who ...?

KRACAUER:
Be ... Be ... Belazs ...

(KRACAUER DIES.

KANE LETS HIM FALL TO THE FLOOR.

HE REACHES FOR THE CRYOSTAT CONTROLS.

A FLOOD OF REFRIGERATED GASES ARE RELEASED.

AS KANE RECOVERS
IN THE COOL,
HE HAS ONE INTENTION
IN HIS FACE:)

(VINDICTIVE) Belazs....!

MODEL SHOT 2.

The dark landscape of Iceworld.

[SCENE 30 IS CUT.]

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31. INT. KANE'S CONTROL ROOM.

(BELAZS IS SITTING IN KANE'S SEAT)

KANE: (0.0.V.) Ah - my dear Belazs ...

(BELAZS STARTS.

SHE SWINGS ROUND, TERRIFIED.

KANE APPROACHES HER, SMILING)

You know, I've been thinking ...
I've been thinking over your request to leave me ...

(BELEZS NEVER TAKES HER EYES OFF HIM.

BUT HIS MANNER GIVES NOTHING AWAY)

You've been with me a long time, now. I'm very fond of you. You must forgive me. I couldn't bear the idea of losing you. But I've been thinking it over carefully ... And I've decided ...

(HE LOOKS BELAZS IN THE EYES)

You may leave me ...

BELAZS: Lea ... Leave ...?

KANE: Whenever you wish,

(BELAZS DOESN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT IS HAPPENING)

Go - in fortune and happiness ... Let me shake your hand farewell ...

(BEWILDERED, BELAZS TAKES HIS HAND.

TOO LATE, SHE REALIZES THAT HE DOESN'T HAVE A GLOVE ON THE HAND.

SHE GASPS AS SHE FEELS THE BITING PAIN.

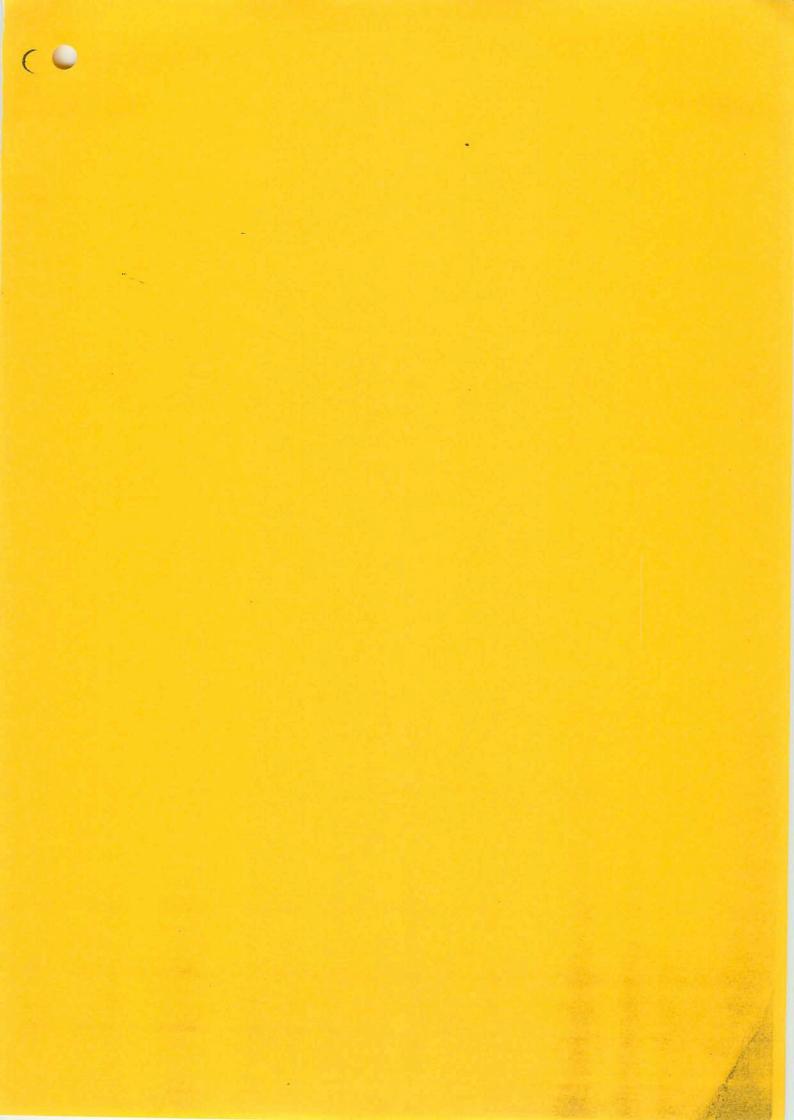
KANE'S SMILE TWISTS)

You traitor ...! I've been planning this for three thousand years! Do you think I would let you stand in my way, now that I am so close ...?

(BELAZS FALLS TO HER KNEES.

STILL KANE HOLDS ON)

For three thousand years I have waited - for my revenge on my own people ... (cont...)



(BELAZS FALLS DEAD AT KANE'S FEET)

 $\frac{\text{KANE:}}{\text{stand in my way}} \quad \frac{\text{(cont)}}{\text{no-one}} \text{ is going to}$

32. INT. ALIEN CHAMBER.

(THE CREATURE IS ALREADY HERE.

THE OTHERS CATCH UP WITH IT, AND ENTER.

THE CREATURE IS SCRABBLING AMONGST THE LOOSE CRYSTALS.

MEL AND ACE LOOK AROUND IN WONDER)

MEL: Oh - this is beautiful, Doctor ...

ACE: 'Ere - I can hear singing ... Where's it coming from, Professor ...?

(THE CREATURE TURNS TO THEM)

THE DOCTOR: Shh ... I think it wants us to watch ...

(THE CREATURE PUTS SOME CRYSTALS INTO POSITION AS PART OF THE CRYSTALLINE STRUCTURE.

IT THEN STANDS BACK.

IT DIRECTS ITS
BEAMS OF FIRE TOWARDS
A TARGET IN THE
CRYSTALLINE STRUCTURE.

THE BEAMS SPLIT
INTO A THOUSAND
STREAKS OF COLOUR
AS THEY REFLECT
AND REFRACT WITHIN
THE STRUCTURE)

ACE: (WHISPERS) What's it doing Professor ...?

(A SCANNING BEAM SHINES OUT OF THE STRUCTURE.

THE SCANNING BEAM BUILDS UP A HOLOGRAPHIC IMAGE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CHAMBER)

THE DOCTOR: So that's what all this is for ...! It's a polydimensiona scanning imager. And our friend the creature is using itself as the energy source ...

(THE HOLOGRAM IS AN IMAGE OF AN ELDER STATESWOMAN -THE ARCHIVIST.

HER VOICE STARTS
A FEW SECONDS
OR SO BEFORE THE
IMAGE IS COMPLETE,
BUT THEREAFTER THE
TWO ARE SYNCHRONOUS)

ARCHIVIST: Planetary archives.
Criminal history - segment 93.12.03.
Two of the most vicious examples of the criminal mentality have been the leaders of the notorious Hess-Kryll gang. Until its demise, this gang carried out systematic violence and extortion, unequalled in its brutality. (cont...)

(THE HOLOGRAM CHANGES TO A STATIC HOLOGRAM OF KANE - A CRIMINAL 'MUG-SHOT' HOLOGRAM)

ARCHIVIST: (cont) (V.O.) In view of the sheer evil of his crimes, Kane is to be exiled from the planet Proamon and never allowed to return home. He will be banished to the barre planet of Svartos, which has a permanently frozen dark side on which h can survive.

(THE HOLOGRAM CHANGES TO A 'MUG-SHOT' HOLOGRAM OF KRYLLA.

SHE'S THE WOMAN OF THE ICE STATUE)

(V.O.) Kanels partner, the woman
Krylla, killed herself during the
final siege of the gang's headquarters,
to avoid being arrested and tried for
her crimes.

(THE HOLOGRAM
DISAPPEARS AS
THE CREATURES
DISCONTINUES ITS
BEAMS OF FIRE)

THE DOCTOR: (GRIM) Yes - I think we've heard enough.

MEL: That explains about Hess - but where does the creature come from?

GLITZ: And what about the fabulous treasure - is this it?

THE DOCTOR: No. We may be deep beneath Iceworld now, but Kane could find this easily enough if he wanted to. No - the real treasure must be somewhere else ... Somewhere beyond Kane's reach ... What does Kane fear most?

ACE: Heat. It'll kill him.

THE DOCTOR: Precisely. So what better way of protecting the real treasure than to leave a fire-breathing dragon to guard it ...? In fact, what better protection than if the dragon <u>is</u> the freasure ...?

MEL: The creature, the treasure ...?

(THE DOCTOR TURNS TO THE CREATURE)

THE DOCTOR: Am I right? Is it you that everyone has been looking for?

(AS THEY WATCH, THE CREATURE BEGINS TO UNFOLD THE SHEATH OF ITS HEAD.

BENEATH, IT REVEALS
ITS SKULL - A GLITTERING
STRUCTURE OF GEMSTONES,
GOLD, PLATINUM, AND
OTHER UNKNOWN METALS.

THERE SEEMS TO BE A FIRE BURNING WITHIN THE LATTICE)

ACE: Oh - it's beautiful ...

GLITZ: It's worth a fortune ...

THE DOCTOR: More than that, Glitz ... Look past the gold and the gemstones. Look at the fire inside it. A source of intense optical energy. Look at it through Kane's eyes ... See it as an evil mind would see it ...

(CUT AWAY TO:)

33. INT. KANE'S CONTROL ROOM.

(KANE IS LISTENING TO THIS VIA THE RADIO TRACKING DEVICE)

KANE: At last ... after three
thousand years ... The Dragonfire
shall be mine ...!

(THE CRESCENDO OF THE CLOSING CREDITS COMES SOARING DOWN OVER HIS TRIUMPH)

FADE OUT